

#### **PERU**

- Developing economy
- Natural disasters
  - Earthquake prone
  - Volcano eruptions
- High altitude sickness

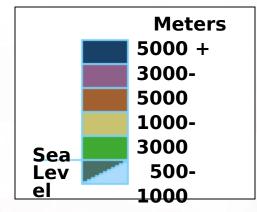


#### **Peru: Environmental** Issues

Topography

Climate

**Varies from** tropical in east to dry desert in west; temperate to frigid in Andes



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Western coastal plain (costa), high and rugged Andes in center (sierra), eastern lowland jungle of **Amazon Basin (selva) lowest point: Pacific** Ocean 0 m highest point: Nevado 07.0

# Peru: Environmental Issues

- Industry
  - Mining is widespread
  - Agriculture and manufacturing
- Water
  - Damaged infrastructure
  - Surface water contaminated with raw sewage and industrial/mining waste
  - Mercury and cyanide contamination due to copper and gold mining

# Peru: Environmental Issues

- Food
  - Untreated wastewater used for irrigation of food crops
- Air
  - Localized pollution due to vehicular traffic and industrial emissions
- Soil
  - Localized contamination near industry and waste disposal sites

# Peru: Environmental Issues

- Greatest short-term environmental health risks
  - Water contaminated with raw sewage or runoff
- Greatest long-term environmental health risks
  - Chronic ingestion of mercury in contaminated water

### Peru: Diseases of Operational Importance

- Intermediate risk country
  - Diseases of greatest risk
    - Food and water-borne: bacterial diarrhea, hepatitis A
    - Vector-borne: dengue fever, malaria

### Peru: Diseases of Operational Importance

- Diseases of potential risk
  - Food and water-borne: brucellosis, cholera, protozoal diarrhea, hepatitis E, typhoid/ paratyphoid fever
  - Vector-borne: Bartonellosis, Chagas disease, leishmaniasis, Mayaro virus, Oropouche virus, plague, Venezuelan equine encephalitis, yellow fever
  - Sexually transmitted: gonorrhea/chlamydia, hepatitis B, HIV/AIDS
  - Water contact: leptospirosis
  - Respiratory: tuberculosis
  - Animal contact: rabies